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Dear Senator Crisco, Representative Fontana and members of the Insurance and Real Estate Committee,

My name is Paul J. Rapanault. I am the Director of Legislative and Political Affairs for the Uniformed Professional Fire Fighters Association of Connecticut. Our 4,000 members serve in 50 fire departments throughout the state.

I am addressing you today in **SUPPORT H.B. No. 5295 AN ACT CONCERNING MUNICIPALITIES AND PRESCRIPTION DRUG PLANS.**

This bill will permit towns and cities to participate in the State Employees Prescription Drug Program and realize savings from that participation. At a time when municipalities are struggling with budgets and declining revenues, permitting local governments to realize savings without additional costs to the state is a win-win for all concerned.

We urge your support of this important legislation.

Thank you for your consideration.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading 'Paul J. Rapanault'.

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